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Dear Mr. Rodriquez:

The Defense Intelligence School initiated a new graduate level academic program in FY-74 which, upon receipt of Congressional authorization, will award the degree of Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) to a limited number of students annually. The purpose of this letter is to invite the Central Intelligence Agency, as a member of the United States Intelligence Board, to participate in the program and to give your Agency the opportunity to nominate one or more qualified civilians to enroll in the class which convenes on 5 September 1975. Those nominated who have present or anticipated duties with military intelligence personnel would probably benefit most from the program.

In brief, the nine-month Postgraduate Intelligence Course (PGIC) serves as the core curriculum for the Master's Degree program. Additionally, the PGIC is augmented for those enrolled in the program with a series of elective classes in intelligence which are taught at the School by university professors, resident faculty and renowned government authorities. Following their graduation from the PGIC, candidates for the MSSI degree participate in a one year on-the-job practicum (successful performance in an intelligence or intelligence related billet) and must submit an original intelligence research paper based upon some aspect of their assignment. A comprehensive examination by a committee comprised of members from the School faculty and intelligence community is required.

The MSSI degree program has been approved for implementation by both the Director, DIA and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Intelligence). The DoD General Counsel's Office has drafted the legislative proposal in support of it. Once Congressional approval is obtained, the degree will be awarded (retroactively, if necessary) to those

who have completed all requirements. The present class has civilian participants from the Defense Intelligence Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force as well as officers from the military services.

Instruction is provided on a no cost basis; however, participating agencies are responsible for the salaries and travel reimbursements, if any, of their nominees. The prerequisites for admission to the program are possession of an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with at least a "B" academic grade point average or a College Record Examination score of 600 verbal/1100 combined. Since the majority of students in the PGIC will be military officers in grades 0-3 through 0-5, it is suggested that civilian nominees be primarily from GS-11 to GS-13 CSC grade categories with actual intelligence or intelligence related assignments.

There is a quota of two spaces for CIA in the FY-76 program. If more are desired, we will try to accommodate the need although enrollment is limited. Nominations of qualified personnel, along with their academic transcripts or GRE scores, should be sent to the Registrar, Defense Intelligence School, no later than 1 July 1975.

We hope it will be possible for your Agency to continue to participate strongly in this important new program which will substantially enhance the intelligence expertise and professionalism of selected career personnel throughout the intelligence community.

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